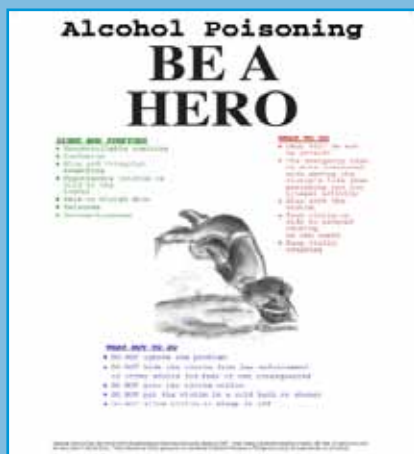


## The seal of Montgomery County, Maryland, is a circular emblem. It features a central shield divided into four quadrants by a red cross. The top-left and bottom-right quadrants are blue with a white fleur-de-lis, while the top-right and bottom-left quadrants are red with a white sun. The shield is flanked by two golden lions. Above the shield is a crest depicting a figure holding a staff. A blue ribbon scrolls around the shield, bearing the motto 'GARDEZ BIEN' in gold letters. The entire seal is set against a background of horizontal stripes (blue, white, and gold). The words 'MONTGOMERY COUNTY' are arched across the top in blue, and 'MARYLAND' is arched across the bottom in blue. The year '1776' is displayed on either side of the shield, separated by a small blue dot.

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## NOMINATE NEXT MONTH'S STUDENT'S KEEPING IT SAFE!!



Past winners have included Clarksburg High School SADD, Rockville High School SADD, Project Change, DLC's Under 21 Volunteers, alcohol poisoning poster participants, and individual students at Magruder High School.

Please email [melissa.romeo@montgomerycountymd.gov](mailto:melissa.romeo@montgomerycountymd.gov) for the nomination form so the Keeping it Safe Team can give recognition to those students who are making the community a better place for teens.

## Newsletter Highlights



## Get Local!

## What's Happening in Montgomery County and Maryland



## Adult Host Responsibility



## In the News

Questions?

Montgomery County community members can email related questions and receive updated prevention information. Please email: [safenet@montgomerycountymd.gov](mailto:safenet@montgomerycountymd.gov)

Tell a friend about SAFENet and have them send an email to [safenet@montgomerycountymd.gov](mailto:safenet@montgomerycountymd.gov) with the subject line "SIGN ME UP"

To unsubscribe, please send email to  
SAFEnet@montgomerycountymd.gov  
with the subject line  
"UNSUBSCRIBE ME"

Keeping it Safe "team" members: Montgomery County Department of Liquor Control, Montgomery County Police, Keeping it Safe Coalition, Drawing the Line on Substance Abuse Coalition, Montgomery County Safe and Drug Free Schools, Montgomery County State's Attorney's Office, Montgomery County Recreation Department, and the Montgomery County Highway Safety Office  
To become a team member, email or call Meg Baker. 240-777-6652 , [meg.baker@montgomerycountymd.gov](mailto:meg.baker@montgomerycountymd.gov)

Montgomery County Department of Liquor Control

16650 Crabbs Branch Way | Rockville, MD 20855 | 240-777-1989 | [www.montgomerycountymd.gov/dlc](http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/dlc)  
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## KEEPING IT SAFE

**SAFEline**- Call **301-670-SAFE** to request information on hosting under 21 alcohol free events or to report an upcoming under 21 alcohol party, event, or provider.

To report a party in progress, call the non-emergency police line at 301-289-8000.

For more information on state laws, consequences, or to order materials on Keeping it Safe, please contact the Department of Liquor Control Outreach Office, 240-777-1989, or e-mail [dlc@montgomerycountymd.gov](mailto:dlc@montgomerycountymd.gov).

## Keeping it Safe Coalition

The Keeping it Safe (KIS) Coalition maintains the focus of under twenty one alcohol prevention and related worthwhile initiatives.

1. To reduce youth access to alcohol
2. To reduce the effects of under 21 alcohol use.

The next KIS Team meeting will be held on September 15, 2010 at 1 PM at the Department of Liquor Control, 16650 Crabbs Branch Way, Rockville, MD 20855. If you would like to attend, please contact Meg Baker at [meg.baker@montgomerycountymd.gov](mailto:meg.baker@montgomerycountymd.gov).

## Montgomery County Project Prom/ Graduation

The Montgomery County Project Prom/ Graduation will kick off the new school year with their first organizational meeting on October 20, 2010 at 7:30 PM. All meetings are held at the Montgomery County Public Schools Board of Education Building located at 850 Hungerford Drive, Rockville, MD 20850. This meeting is held for public and non public high schools who will be organizing all night, after prom events. There is no charge. For more information visit [www.mcppg.org](http://www.mcppg.org) or call 301-515-7100.

## Limousine Company Training

The KIS Team will be hosting a Limousine Company Training to bring attention issues and trends with high schoolers renting limousines for dances. The training will be held on March 16, 2011 at 1 PM. Location TBD.

## Alcohol Poisoning Posters Contest

Last school year, students designed alcohol poisoning posters. All posters have now been delivered to all public and non public high schools, the MCPS Board of Education, the Montgomery County Liquor Stores and the Montgomery County libraries. The Keeping it Safe team continues to identify locations where these posters can be displayed. Visit [www.montgomerycountymd.gov/kis](http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/kis) for more information.

## Adult Host Responsibility-It's the Law!

Adult Host Responsibility is a Maryland Law that holds an adult who knowingly and intentionally serves/provides an alcoholic beverage to a person he/she knows, or reasonably should know, is under the age of 21, liable for the person served and to any other person for damages resulting from host's service of alcohol. It can even extend to adults and homeowners who are not on the premise and/or did not provide the alcohol.

### State Laws & Consequences...

- Buying, furnishing or allowing youth under the age of 21 to consume or possess alcohol is illegal. Adults are civilly and legally liable.
- Adults could receive a \$2500 fine for the first offense, a \$5000 fine for the second offense. An offense counts as ONE under 21 drinker, additional underage drinkers can count as additional offenses.
- Servers/sellers of alcohol are required to protect an intoxicated person from harming themselves or others. A server will be liable if negligence is proven.
- Homeowner and auto insurance companies may drop a policy.
- Home or not home, aware or unaware of the party, you could be sued for:
  - personal injury
  - alcohol poisoning
  - sexual assault
  - vandalism
  - violence
  - car crashes: death, injuries, or car damage

### What to do...

Safeline: Call 301-670-SAFE (7233) to report an upcoming under 21 alcohol party, event, or provider.

To report a party in progress, call the non-emergency police number for assistance 301-279-8000. Call 911 if the party becomes dangerous or life threatening.

For more information on Adult Host Responsibility contact the Outreach Office at 240-777-1989

## Did you know?

**65%** of kids who drink report they get alcohol from friends & family

**37%** of eighth graders  
**59%** of tenth graders  
**72%** of twelfth graders

Report they have tried alcohol at least once in their lifetime.

## Parents Encouraging Teens to Drink Alcohol: A New Study Reveals Shocking Results

New study: Parents send mixed messages to teens on drinking alcohol.

Parenting teens is a challenge, no one can dispute that. Keeping up with the texting lingo and the drugs that kids are using can be a job in itself. However did you ever think that you could be part of the reason, inadvertently, that your teen is drinking alcohol? According to a new study commissioned by The Caron Treatment Center, new research shows that parents' behavior may unintentionally contribute to teenage alcohol abuse.

Some of the study highlights are:

What parents aren't saying can make an impression. Nearly a third of the 12 -18 year olds surveyed said they have observed one or both of their parents drinking alcohol to "relax" or "relieve stress" after a hard day (32%).

Teens perceive grades as more of a worry to their parents than alcohol. Overall, 12 -18 year olds believe parents are more concerned about their grades in school (57%) and time spent on the internet (50%) than whether they drink alcohol (37%) before they are legally allowed.

Many teens have their first drink at age fourteen. Twenty-five percent of the 12 -18 year olds surveyed said they drank alcohol and agree with the statement "it is okay for people under the age of 21 to drink alcohol." Fourteen is the average age when they have their first drink and about a third do it in the company of another family member (31% with their mothers, 25% with their fathers).

Drinking fuels drug use and sex. One quarter (25%) of teens 12-18 who have had a drink of alcohol say they have engaged in some kind of harmful and/or illegal activity while under the influence of alcohol.

Source: *The Examiner*. To view the whole story, [click here](#).

## Why Getting Older Means Drinking Less

If you feel like you can't drink the way you used to, you're not alone. An aging body is more sensitive to alcohol than a younger one.

The National Institutes of Health's Senior Health issued new warnings about alcohol and aging, reminding people 65 and older that even a few drinks can hit them harder than in their youth.

The reason is that older people metabolize alcohol more slowly, and they also have less water in their bodies. The result is that an adult who consumes just a few glasses of wine will have a higher percentage of alcohol in his or her blood than a younger person drinking the same. That's why you may start feeling tipsy sooner after consuming alcohol, even if your drinking habits have not changed.

Source: *The New York Times*. To view the whole story, [click here](#).



## Government Study: 1 in 12 Admit Driving Drunk

One in 12 drivers admitted driving drunk at least once over the course of a year, a new government survey announced.

One in five, or 20% of the 6,999 people surveyed, said they had driven in the past year within two hours of drinking an alcoholic beverage. Yet an overwhelming majority, four out of five people consider drinking and driving a major threat to their safety, according to the 2008 survey by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA).

As Labor Day approaches and summer travel peaks, police nationwide will launch a two-week blitz of DUI checkpoints and drunken-driving patrols. The federal government is spending \$13 million in television and radio ads, mostly at sporting events, to get the message out.

Source: *USA Today*. To view the whole story, [click here](#).

